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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL
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EXAMINING GROUP ART UNIT 2857
PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Kazushi TAHARA et al.) Group Art Unit: 2857
Application No.: 10/648,341) Examiner: Jeffrey R. West
Filed: August 27, 2003) Confirmation No.: 3400
For: PART MAINTENANCE SYSTEM)
AND PART MAINTENANCE)
METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR)
PROCESSING SYSTEM)

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed January 23, 2006, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose amending the above-identified application as follows:

Please amend the claims and the drawings as indicated in the Amendments to the Claims and the Amendments to the Drawings sections below.

The **Amendments to the Claims** section begins on page 3 of this Amendment After Final.

The **Amendments to the Drawings** section begins on page 14 of this Amendment After Final. The amendments to the drawings are indicated in red ink on

the marked-up copy of the originally-filed drawing sheet containing Fig. 2. The amendments to the drawings are incorporated in one attached, formal replacement drawing sheet containing Fig. 2.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this Amendment After Final.

Attachments to this Amendment After Final include the above-mentioned marked-up copy of the originally-filed drawing sheet containing Fig. 2 and the corresponding formal replacement drawing sheet incorporating the amendments to Fig. 2.